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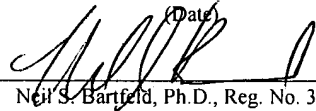
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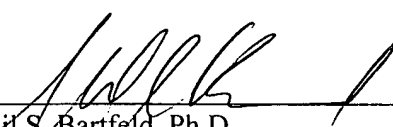
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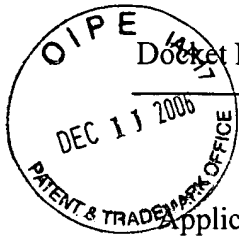
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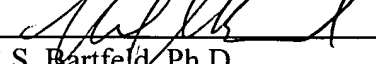
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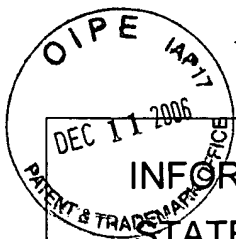
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	6	A copy of the European Search Report for corresponding European Patent Application No. 04.711696.2-2109 dated November 15, 2006. A copy of the letter acknowledging receipt (on November 27, 2006) of the Search Report by the Foreign Associate is included.	

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